

MARRIED A DIVORCED WOMAN.

And For This Reason an Episcopal Minister Is Banned By His Bishop from Accepting a Call.

A dispatch from Philadelphia says: A matter that may become a celebrated case in the Protestant Episcopal Church in America became public today, when announcement was made that Bishop John Scarborough of the diocese of New Jersey had refused to approve the call to a church within his jurisdiction of a clergyman married to a woman who had obtained a divorce from her first husband, also an Episcopal clergyman. The case is that of Rev. George F. Kettell, formerly assistant rector of Christ church, Baltimore.

His wife was originally Miss Bessie Broughton of Pocomoke City, Md. She married Rev. Clarence Frankel, in February, 1900, and six months later they moved to Nebraska, where her husband was a missionary. Later she secured a divorce in South Dakota, on the grounds of non-support, unfaithfulness and cruelty. She then went back to Pocomoke City, became acquainted with Rev. Mr. Kettell, and the couple were married on July 29 last, by Rev. Charles A. Hensel, vicar of Grace church chapel, Baltimore. Shortly after this Mr. Kettell resigned from Christ church.

Christ church, at Palmyra, N. J., about ten miles from Philadelphia, offered the rectorship to the young minister on the recommendation of Bishop Scarborough before the former's marriage. Rev. Mr. Kettell accepted, after informing the vestry of the church that he had married a divorced woman, but when he went to Trenton to get the approval of the bishop, which is necessary when a clergyman of the church goes from one diocese to another, he encountered a refusal. The disappointed rector notified the vestrymen at Palmyra, vacated the pulpit and accepted a position as instructor in the Episcopal academy in this city, pending the settlement of the controversy.

The parishioners of Christ church took up the matter and appealed to the bishop to reconsider his decision, but his he would not do. Meetings were held at the church and the parishioners finally became divided, a majority of them, it is said, deciding to take the view of Bishop Scarborough. Some of the more ardent supporters of the Rev. Mr. Kettell want to take the matter to the civil courts, and it is said this will probably be done.

When Mr. Kettell was seen today regarding the matter he said:

"Bishop Paret of Baltimore assured me that my marriage was perfectly legal, though he did advise me against it because of the gossip that would arise. But since it was right for me to do it, why should that possibility deter me from marrying the woman I loved?"

Bishop Scarborough had this to say at Trenton tonight: "I do not care to go into any newspaper discussion in this case. I have made my decision in the matter as my duty as a bishop prompts me, and I shall make no further move. I do not know what the other side proposes to do. There is no other source of appeal open to them unless they chose to go to the civil courts. I hardly think they will do that. I regret the situation as it is. I know the young rector personally and recommended him to the Palmyra church, but that was before he married the divorced woman."

Asked concerning Bishop Paret's reported admission that it was not against the law of the church to marry the innocent party of a divorce suit, the bishop said:

"I fail to see how there can be any innocent party to a divorce.

The divorce question is the most grievous that the church has to deal with. It is too bad when it reaches even into the ranks of the clergy.

"The law against divorce is the law of God. There can be no getting away from that. I would not take a man who had married a divorced woman into the diocese under any consideration. I am emphatically opposed to divorces, no matter what the pretext for such action."

SOCIAL LIFE IN CUBA.

Many Delightful Features in The Social Customs—Generous-Hearted Hospitality.

Cuban social customs have many delightful features. As in all Latin countries, politeness and courtesy are found. Good breeding is not limited to any class.

Because of the manner in which the houses are built, home life is easily seen by the stranger. He can look through the barrel windows or doors into the open courts where the family gathers. Beyond this he can see the dining room where table is set, and sometimes get a glimpse of the kitchen, with the charcoal braziers on which most of the cooking is done. The bread is baked at the baker's shop, and if there is to be roast turkey or suckling pig, a great delicacy, the roasting is done outside. Spaniards and Cubans are strangers to the pastry know as American pie. The fault which an American finds is that there is no change and variety in the cooking. It becomes fearfully monotonous. Breakfast is the same all the year around, and so is dinner.

In the towns, much of the social visiting is done in the plaza or public park. Two or three evenings a week the band plays there and everybody goes for a promenade, during which visits are exchanged and the latest news or gossip told.

Cuban hospitality, while not lacking in the city, is better shown in the country. I never found anywhere a more kind people. In the interior, they have no such thing as a spare bed, but the wise traveler, who knows enough to take his hammock along, will find room made for him outside and every attention paid to comfort. An American woman, who went about through the island with her husband, told me a story of her own experience which illustrated this hospitality. Her husband fixed a hammock for her, and being used to it, she fell asleep only to be awakened in the middle of the night by the Cuban housewife wrapping around her the one blanket which the family owned. It had grown suddenly cool, and she had taken it from herself and child in order that the strange lady might not suffer. Long before daylight, she heard the husband getting up and slipping away on his pony. He got back in the early morning, bringing some coffee. The little household was out of that article, and of its self would have gotten along a few days; but he had gone ten miles to the nearest village store to get some in order that the visitor might not suffer.

Among educated Cubans, much attention is paid to the formalities of life. When New Year and Christmas come round, it is customary to send your card and best wishes to all your friends. Failure to do this is looked upon as a slight, and is not readily forgiven. The proverbs, for which the Spanish language is famous, are often quoted. One runs: "Monday, embark neither on the sea of matrimony nor on other seas." And it is true that Monday marriages are rare. Cuban courtships themselves are not as open as with us, yet

somehow the young manage to make known their sentiments toward each other. With the Cuban girls it is the fans and the eyes that talk. —Christian Herald.

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